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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 322/15
30 ILCS 105/5.755 new
30 ILCS 105/6z-34
30 ILCS 105/6z-35
105 ILCS 5/2-3.153 new

Amends the Illinois Literacy Act, the State Finance Act, and the School Code. Provides that the authority of the Secretary of State to award grants that develop, expand, or support adult literacy programs through community programs administered by education agencies, libraries, or volunteer or community-based organizations is transferred to the State Board of Education on January 1, 2011. Provides that the awarding of grants must be based on documented literacy rate needs in communities. Provides that moneys in the Secretary of State Special Services Fund and the Live and Learn Fund may be transferred to the Adult Literacy Grant Fund (created as a special fund in the State treasury) for use by the State Board of Education for adult literacy grants. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Literacy Act is amended by changing
5 Section 15 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 322/15)

7 Sec. 15. Grants.

8 (a) Until January 1, 2011, the ~~The~~ Secretary of State, in
9 consultation with the Literacy Advisory Board created by
10 Section 7.2 of the State Library Act, is authorized to award
11 grants that develop, expand, or support adult literacy programs
12 in Illinois through community programs administered by
13 education agencies, libraries, volunteer or community-based
14 organizations, or a coalition of any of those groups.

15 With regard to these grants, on January 1, 2011, all
16 powers, duties, assets, liabilities, contracts, property,
17 records, pending business, and unexpended funds of the
18 Secretary of State are transferred to the State Board of
19 Education. With regard to the grants, beginning on January 1,
20 2011, references in statutes, rules, forms, and other documents
21 to the Secretary of State shall, in appropriate contexts, be
22 deemed to refer to State Board of Education. All rules,
23 standards, and procedures adopted by the Secretary of State

1 with regard to the grants that are in effect on January 1, 2011
2 shall continue in effect as the rules, standards, and
3 procedures of the State Board of Education until they are
4 amended or repealed by the State Board of Education.

5 (b) The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
6 Literacy Advisory Board created by Section 7.2 of the State
7 Library Act, is authorized to award grants for workplace
8 programs to public or private employers or entities acting on
9 behalf of a coalition of employers to improve the basic skills
10 of current and prospective employees. Current and prospective
11 employees' lack of basic skills may impede hiring, effective
12 job performance, or eligibility for advancement. Public funds
13 awarded under this grant program must be matched by the
14 business with funds at least equal to the amount of public
15 funds awarded.

16 (c) The Secretary of State is authorized to make family
17 literacy grants that will assist in breaking the
18 intergenerational cycle of illiteracy. The grants must involve
19 an adult literacy component and an entity working with children
20 at risk of school failure. Programs will focus on parents or
21 guardians and children involved in reciprocal learning and
22 teaching. In addition to other grants authorized in this
23 subsection, the Secretary of State may make family literacy
24 grants, upon his or her approval of application from entities,
25 for innovative programming in the area of parent and child
26 learning activities. The Secretary of State shall establish

1 criteria for awarding the grants by rule. The Secretary of
2 State may expend appropriations statewide for direct purchases
3 of equipment and services that support families learning
4 together.

5 (Source: P.A. 89-697, eff. 1-6-97; 90-783, eff. 8-14-98.)

6 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
7 Section 5.755 and by changing Sections 6z-34 and 6z-35 as
8 follows:

9 (30 ILCS 105/5.755 new)

10 Sec. 5.755. The Adult Literacy Grant Fund.

11 (30 ILCS 105/6z-34)

12 Sec. 6z-34. Secretary of State Special Services Fund. There
13 is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as
14 the Secretary of State Special Services Fund. Moneys deposited
15 into the Fund may, subject to appropriation, be used by the
16 Secretary of State for any or all of the following purposes:

17 (1) For general automation efforts within operations
18 of the Office of Secretary of State.

19 (2) For technology applications in any form that will
20 enhance the operational capabilities of the Office of
21 Secretary of State.

22 (3) To provide funds for any type of library grants
23 authorized and administered by the Secretary of State as

1 State Librarian.

2 These funds are in addition to any other funds otherwise
3 authorized to the Office of Secretary of State for like or
4 similar purposes.

5 On August 15, 1997, all fiscal year 1997 receipts that
6 exceed the amount of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred from this
7 Fund to the Statistical Services Revolving Fund; on August 15,
8 1998 and each year thereafter through 2000, all receipts from
9 the fiscal year ending on the previous June 30th that exceed
10 the amount of \$17,000,000 shall be transferred from this Fund
11 to the Statistical Services Revolving Fund; on August 15, 2001
12 and each year thereafter through 2002, all receipts from the
13 fiscal year ending on the previous June 30th that exceed the
14 amount of \$19,000,000 shall be transferred from this Fund to
15 the Statistical Services Revolving Fund; and on August 15, 2003
16 and each year thereafter, all receipts from the fiscal year
17 ending on the previous June 30th that exceed the amount of
18 \$33,000,000 shall be transferred from this Fund to the
19 Statistical Services Revolving Fund.

20 Beginning with fiscal year 2011, moneys in the Secretary of
21 State Special Services Fund may be transferred to the Adult
22 Literacy Grant Fund for use by the State Board of Education for
23 adult literacy grants under Section 2-3.153 of the School Code.

24 (Source: P.A. 92-32, eff. 7-1-01; 93-32, eff. 7-1-03.)

25 (30 ILCS 105/6z-35)

1 Sec. 6z-35. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
2 special fund to be known as the Live and Learn Fund. The
3 Comptroller and the Treasurer shall transfer \$1,742,000 from
4 the General Revenue Fund into the Live and Learn Fund each
5 month. The first transfer shall be made 60 days after the
6 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, with subsequent
7 transfers occurring on the first of each month. Moneys
8 deposited into the Fund may, subject to appropriation, be used
9 by the Secretary of State for any or all of the following
10 purposes:

11 (a) An organ donation awareness or education program.

12 (b) To provide additional funds for all types of
13 library grants as authorized and administered by the
14 Secretary of State as State Librarian.

15 Beginning with fiscal year 2011, moneys in the Live and
16 Learn Fund may be transferred to the Adult Literacy Grant Fund
17 for use by the State Board of Education for adult literacy
18 grants under Section 2-3.153 of the School Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 88-78.)

20 Section 15. The School Code is amended by adding Section
21 2-3.153 as follows:

22 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.153 new)

23 Sec. 2-3.153. Adult literacy grants.

24 (a) Subject to appropriation from the Adult Literacy Grant

1 Fund, the State Board of Education is authorized to award
2 grants that develop, expand, or support adult literacy programs
3 in this State through community programs administered by
4 education agencies, libraries, volunteer or community-based
5 organizations, or a coalition of any of those groups. The State
6 Board of Education shall award these grants based on documented
7 literacy rate needs in communities.

8 (b) The Adult Literacy Grant Fund is created as a special
9 fund in the State treasury. All money in the Adult Literacy
10 Grant Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the
11 State Board of Education for grants under this Section.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.